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1. During my final call on Premier, October 9, prior my departure for Washington, I referred to anticipated installation of advanced equipment at Shulinkou and the Premier confirmed that this had been fully reported to him. I mentioned that eventually this would enable us to make substantial personnel reductions there and first cuts may be able to be made in course next several months. I then mentioned that we anticipate that, as in the past, continuing reductions will also be made over time in military personnel in other sectors as well.

2. The Premier inquired whether the anticipated cuts were to be made for budgetary reasons. I said that the Shulinkou cuts were motivated in part by budgetary considerations in that the

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new equipment made it possible to do the job with greatly reduced numbers of personnel but with no degradation in performance. I also related any MAAG cuts which may be made to Congressional decisions which ~~xxx~~, among other reasons, have called for reducing or eliminating MAAGS world-wide. As for other anticipated reductions, I said I would expect these to be made for the most part in activities for which there is no longer seen to be a military requirement.

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